GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – V & E Report – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri S. Keshava Chandra, DRO,(expired) Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division - Article of Charge issued Under rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 - Expired on 23.10.2013 – Further action abated – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 18 Dated: 05-02-2016

Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF, Lr.Rc.No.26200/2006/K3, dt. 12.09.2013.
2. G.M. No. 4910/For.IV/A1/2006-3, dt. 18.10.2013.
3. From the PCCF, Lr.Rc. No. 26200/2006/K3, dt. 8.11.2013.
4. From the PCCF, Lr.Rc. No. 26200/2006/Vig-3, dt. 13.08.2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that, An Article of Charge was issued against Sri S. Keshava Chandra, Dy. Range Officer , Parvathipuram Range, Vizianagaram Division, Visakhapatnam Circle in CF, Visakhapatnam Ref. No.6113/2006/M8, dated 17-11-2006, on the following counts:

Article: That he had while working as Bobbili Section of Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram (T) Division, shown gross negligence in discharging his legitimate duties and shown lack of devotion to duty, resulted certain irregularities pointed out by the Vigilance and Enforcement Officials in their report regarding booking of excess expenditure in the works of "Uprootal of stumps" in the VSS areas of Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division to a tune of Rs.8,05,521/-.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 09-12-2006 and submitted his explanation dt. 12.12.2006. Not satisfied with the explanation, the PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad appointed the CCF, Visakhapatnam as common enquiring authority and the DFO, Vizianagaram as Presenting officer. The Inquiry Officer conducted the enquiry and submitted the findings in Rc.No.6113/2006/M8(v), dt. 30.01.2013 concluding that the charge framed against the C.O., is held proved and recommended for recovery of the excess expenditure of Rs. 58,565/- as pointed out by the Vigilance & Enforcement Department, being his proportionate share of responsibility.

3. Further the PCCF has informed that, subsequently, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam vide Rc.No.6113/ 2006/M8, dated 05-7-2013 has informed that the proposals to FSR Zonal Committee of Zone-I for ratification of the rate adopted by the FROs @ Rs.17,500/- per ha. (Rs.3,41,250/- in 19.50. ha) in execution of work for uprootal of stumps by poclain during 2003-04 and 2004-05 in raising of plantation in the (3) VSSs viz. Kapuvenkayyapeta (Parvathipuram Range), Puttajammu and Pelivalasa (Kurupam Range) under semi-mechanical method were ratified by the FSR Zonal Committee on 21-03-2013.

4. The Charged Officer expired on 23.10.2013. The Prl.CCF has proposed to abate further action against Sri S. Kesava Chandra, DRO(expired).

5. The matter has been examined by the Government and it is decided to abate further action against the deceased Government servant Sri S. Kesava Chandra, DRO(expired), Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division , in the light of the sub-rule (7) (a) of rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as amended in G.O.Ms.No.85, Fin.&Plg. (FW.Pen-I) Dept., dt.12.7.1999 and in G.O.Ms.No.995, Finance (Pen.I) Dept, dt.21.12.2002. It is also decided not to recover the excess

amount of Rs.58,565/-, in view of the ratification by FSR Zonal committee on 21.3.2013.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to abate further action against the deceased Government servant, Sri S. Keshava Chandra, DRO(expired), Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division and the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, is directed to take action as per the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.85, Fin.&Plg. (FW.Pen-I) Dept., dt.12.7.1999 and G.O.Ms.No.995 (Pen.I) Department, dt.21.12.2002.

7. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Legal heirs of late Sri M.L. Prasad, ACF (expired)
(through the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Hyderabad)

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P. Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, B.R.K.R. Buildings, A.P., Hyderabad.
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